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To Whom it may concern;

I am a college student studying in the field of Computer Information Systems. The outcome of this settlement will most likely affect the industry I am headed into.

I'd like to express my feelings on a few of the shortcomings of the proposed settlement.

Firstly, the definitions of "Middleware" products are not very clear. From what I understand, there are a lot of loopholes in the section that would allow Microsoft to continue exercising the same business practices in the past. To be more specific, Microsoft could easily change a version number and the software would no longer be considered "Middleware" by the DOJ.

Secondly, another understanding that I have is that a lot of the new regulations and demands do not include Microsoft Windows XP. If this isn't included in the settlement, I don't see how beneficial it would be towards prohibiting antitrust practices.

I would like to see an outcome that will make a difference. Not one that will just temporarily prevent a monopoly.

Thank you for your time.  
-Patrick Mahaney